



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 900

LCO No. 5271

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING AERIAL SPRAYING OF PESTICIDES AND FUNGICIDES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) No person shall engage in any aerial pesticide
2 application using a fixed wing aircraft except in the case of an
3 emergency, as determined by: (1) In the case of an agricultural
4 emergency, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in
5 consultation with The University of Connecticut College of
6 Agriculture, or (2) in the case of a public health emergency, the
7 Commissioner of Public Health.

8 Sec. 2. (a) The Commissioner of Agriculture, after consultation with
9 the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and The University of
10 Connecticut College of Agriculture shall adopt regulations, in
11 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, for the purpose of
12 determining an agricultural emergency.

13 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall adopt
14 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes,
15 establishing fines for any violation of this act, including, but not

16 limited to: (1) Suspension and revocation of permit for persons who
17 commit violations of this section; and (2) requiring persons who violate
18 this section to engage in Best Management Practices.

19 Sec. 3. The sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars is
20 appropriated, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June
21 30, 2001, to the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of funding a
22 study to be conducted by The University of Connecticut's College of
23 Agriculture and Department of Natural Resources Management and
24 Engineering to measure the effects of atmospheric and geographic
25 conditions on drift from aerial pesticide applications in order to verify
26 and modify numerical models for spray drift.

27 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that section
28 2 shall take effect July 1, 2001, and section 1 shall take effect October 1,
29 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To limit exposure to potentially harmful chemicals.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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